

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 16, 2019**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Gregory J. Burns
Chief John Nash
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.
Chief Alan J. Roy
Ms. Roberta Fitzpatrick

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Captain Michael McCullough
Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa-Thorpe

DFS staff present at the meeting:

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
Alanna Malatos
JoAnne Caruso

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chief Greg Burns at 10:11 am.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Nash and seconded by Chief Roy that the minutes of April 23, 2019, meeting be approved as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by Chief Burns and seconded by FF McKinnon to award accreditation to the following:

1. Credentialing –

- Captain Christopher P. Sammet – Acton Fire Department
- Acting Chief James P. Klich – Franklin Fire Department
- Captain Troy Cooley – Shirley Fire Department
- Captain Seth Colby – Shrewsbury Fire Department

A motion was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Chief Nash to table one re-credential application until the following month's meeting as parts were incomplete.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

C. Service and Military Pin Guidance Discussion

The current policy was reviewed by the Commission. Marshal Ostroskey had not yet received guidance from the National Guard and anticipates it soon. The conversation will be tabled until Marshal Ostroskey receives guidance from the National Guard.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Marshal Ostroskey explained that the legislative session is underway, Senate came out with amendments and have been assigned to Committees.

Deputy Marshal Fournier provided an update on the Springfield campus' Search and Rescue prop; construction is well underway thanks to funding we received from an AFG grant. The construction will be complete for July 1, 2019.

She also mentioned that DFS is working with DCAMM (Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) and EOPSS (Executive Office of Safety and Security) to conduct a site study for the Bridgewater campus.

The recruit waitlist continues to increase with ~8-9 month wait for enrollment. The application rate has outpaced our capacity. We are doing everything we can do to accommodate our "new customers" and those communities who have career staff funded by the SAFER grant.

DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) has concerns about PFAS in ground water. DFS continues to monitor the situation and we have not extensively used foam in a long time at the Fire Academy. There is legislation to create a PFAS Task Force which would include the State Fire Marshal.

Chief Nash has provided the Commission with a, "Notice of Intent" to retire effective October 18, 2019.

E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled on June 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Burns and seconded by Chief Nash.

Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 11:11 a.m.